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Of the Twenty-fifth Session of the Cold Water Baptist Association, held with the Hernando Baptist Church, First District, DeSoto county, Miss., October 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d, 1866.

Delegates representing the churches composing the Cold Water Baptist Association, convened with the Hernando Baptist Church, First District, Desoto county, Miss., on Friday, before the third Sunday in October, 1866, according to adjournment.

By previous appointment the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder R. G. Hewlet. Text—Romans, 13th chapter and first clause of the 11th verse—"And that knowing the time, that now it is high time to wake out of sleep."

Prayer by Elder H. L. Finley.

An intermission of one hour was then taken for refreshments.

Benediction by Elder James Dennis.

EVENING.

Reassembled. The Moderator and Clerk of last session, Elder James Dennis and W. Ovid Mabry, present.

A hymn was sung and Elder J. L. Cross led in prayer.

Letters from the churches were then called for, read, and delegates names enrolled. (See Statistical Table.) Brethren Elders Whitfield, Dupuy and R. T. Sanders performed the duty of reading clerks.

The Association was then constitutionally organized by electing Elder James Dennis, Moderator, and W. Ovid Mabry, Clerk. Brethren R. T. Sanders, W. A. and Jos. Boon acted as tellers.

The Moderator, upon taking the chair, appropriately addressed the body, then announced it in readiness for regular business. Called for petitionary letters, whereupon such were presented and read from Oxford and Yockana Churches, formerly of Panola Association. On motion of Brother R. T. Sanders, Yockana Church was admitted to membership, the hand of fellowship extended to her delegate by the Moderator, invited to all the privileges of the body, and his name enrolled. There being no delegation with the letter from the Oxford Church—the Constitution of the Association requiring this in the reception of churches—it was not received. On motion, directed the Clerk to inform the Church of the reason why and the willingness of the Association to receive it constitutionally.

The following committees were appointed, viz.:

On Arrangement of Religious Services—Brethren R. T. Sanders, W. A. Boon and A. Pasley.

On Arrangement of Business—Elders W. Wooten, R. G. Hewlet and E. D. Miller.

On motion of Elder E. D. Miller, called for correspondence and messengers from corresponding bodies. Elders A. B. Miller, S. H. Ford, J. L. Cross, G. W. Johnson, W. H. Davis, H. Williams and W. S. Perry, of Big Hatchie Association; Elders H. L. Finley and D. Potter, of Chickasaw, and W. W. Finley, Yallobusha Association, responded. They were recognized as messengers from their respective bodies, cordially invited to seats and participation in the deliberations.

Committee on Arrangement of Religious Services announced that Elder W. H. Davis would preach to-night, and Elder A. B. Miller to-morrow, at eleven o'clock A. M.

On motion of Elder J. W. Lipsey, granted Elder J. L. Cross half an hour in the morning to deliver an address upon the subject of Female Education.

On motion, adjourned, to meet in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Prayer by Elder W. Dupuy.

Benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met.

The exercises were opened by singing, and prayer by Elder W. S. Perry.

The delegation from Centre Hill Church presented its letter, which was read and their names enrolled.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters. Received one from Panola Church, formerly of Panola Association. On motion, it was admitted to membership, the hand of fellowship given to its delegate by the Moderator, his name enrolled, and he invited to all the privileges of the Association.

Called for report of Committee on Arrangement of business. Committee reported, and after slight amendment the following was adopted:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your committee appointed to arrange the Order of Business for the action of the Association, offer the following report:

1. Call the roll of delegates and mark absentees.
2. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association.
3. Call for reports of messengers appointed to corresponding bodies.
4. Appoint messengers to corresponding bodies.
5. Appoint a Financial Committee.
6. Appoint a committee to write corresponding letters.
7. Appoint an Obituary Committee.
8. Call for reports of Standing Committees.
9. Call for report of Trustees of Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary.
10. Consider the subject of reviving Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association.
11. Call for Treasurer's report.

12. Appoint a Treasurer.
13. Call for reports of District Agents to organize Sabbath Schools.
14. Appoint Standing Committees.
15. Notice the query from Bethel Church.
16. Add a Fifth Associational District.
17. Call for report of Financial Committee.
18. Call for report of Corresponding Committee.
19. Consider the subject of writing and publishing a history of the Association, etc.
20. Appoint a place for the next session of the Association.
21. Appoint a minister and alternate to preach the Introductory Sermon.
22. Call for resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM WOOTEN, Chairman.

The roll was then called and absentees marked.

The Constitution and Rules of Decorum of the Association were read.

On motion, the Clerk was directed to notify those churches through the minutes, unrepresented for a number of years, that unless represented at the next annual session of the Association, they would be stricken from the list and no longer regarded as members.

The minutes of Friday were read and approved.

In accordance with previous arrangement, Elder J. L. Cross then delivered quite an interesting address upon the subject of Female Education.

Elder A. B. Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., chosen by the Domestic and Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to present its claims and represent its interest in the Association, by permission, did so in an able manner.

Committee on Preaching reported that Elder W. Dupuy would preach in the Methodist Church, at half-past two o'clock, and Elder C. B. Young to preach in the Baptist Church to-night.

It being the hour for preaching, adjourned to meet at half-past one o'clock.

Preaching by Elder A. B. Miller. Text: Romans, 1st chapter and 16th verse—"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Prayer by Elder H. Williams.

Benediction by the Moderator.

EVENING SESSION.

Met at the appointed time.

A hymn of praise was sung. Prayer by Elder J. W. Lipsey.

The delegations from Eudora and Oak Grove Churches presented their letters of correspondence, which were read and their names enrolled.

Called for reports of messengers appointed to the following corresponding bodies, etc.:

To the Baptist State Convention—No attendance.

To Chickasaw Association—Brethren A. Pasley and T. H. Smith reported attendance.

To Big Hatchie Association—Brother T. H. Smith reported attendance.
To Yallobusha Association—No attendance.

APPOINTMENTS TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

To the Baptist State Convention—Elders C. B. Young, W. Wooten, J. W. Lipsey, R. G. Hewlet, C. N. Ray, A. B. Smith; Brethren T. H. Smith, W. M. Harris and Clerk were appointed. Convention to meet with the Holly Springs Baptist Church, on Friday before the third Sunday in May, 1867.

To Big Hatchie Association—Elders Moderator, C. B. Young, J. W. Lipsey, H. J. Smith, C. N. Ray, and Brother T. H. Smith were appointed. Association to meet in Cuba, with Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Shelby county, Tenn., on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1867.

To Chickasaw Association—Elders C. B. Young, J. W. Lipsey, A. B. Smith, T. R. Williams; Brethren A. Pasley, T. H. Smith and W. Haynes were appointed. Association to meet with Temperance Hill Baptist Church, Marshall county, on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1867.

To Yallobusha Association—Elders H. J. Smith, W. Dupuy, T. R. Williams; Brethren Dr. H. L. Anthony and S. Bobo were appointed. Association to meet with Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Yallobusha county, Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1867.

Appointed Brethren S. Matthews, T. H. Smith and R. F. Cook, Financial Committee.

Appointed Elders C. B. Young and J. W. Lipsey, Committee on Correspondence.

On motion of Brother S. Matthews, dispensed with the appointment of an Associational Obituary Committee.

Called for reports of Standing Committees on the following subjects, viz.:

Sabbath Schools—Committee, Brother R. T. Sanders, reported. Report received, and after some remarks upon the great importrnce of such schools by Elders C. B. Young and J. L. Cross, it, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

Religious Instruction of Colored Population—Committee, Elder Jobe Harral, absent. No report.

Temperance—Committee, Elder H. J. Smith, reported. The report with the appended resolution was received, but some objections arising to some features of the resolution, on motion of brother S. Matthews, it was recommitted to the Committee, to be called for again on Monday.

Bible Cause—Committee, Elder A. C. Caperton, absent. No report.

Ministerial Education—Committee, Elder J. W. Lipsey, reported, and pending a motion for its adoption, an interesting discussion ensued, participated in by Elders E. D. Miller, J. W. Lipsey, G. W. Johnson and C. N. Ray.

On motion, adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer and Benediction by the Moderator.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported Elder S. H. Ford, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., to preach in the Baptist Church, to-morrow, at eleven o'clock A. M., and Elder J. L. Cross to preach at the same hour in the Methodist Church.

The Moderator gave notice that a public collection would be taken after the eleven o'clock services, for the support of Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association.

II. Call for Treasurer's report.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met.

Moderator in the Chair. Opened as usual. Prayer by Elder Lewis Ball.

Renewed the invitation to visiting Baptist ministers.

Elder Lewis Ball, member of Chickasaw Association and Agent for the Domestic Mission Board, Marion, Ala., and Elder C. C. Connor, member of Big Hatchie Association, reported themselves. They were recognized as messengers from their respective bodies, and cordially invited to the customary privileges.

Called the roll.

The minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

Resumed consideration of the report on Ministerial Education. After further discussion by Elders C. B. Young, E. D. Miller, J. L. Cross, W. Wooten, C. C. Conner and Brother Dr. Adams, the report, after amendment, was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

Called for report on Prayer Meetings. Committee, Elder R. G. Hewlet, reported. The report was adopted. [See Appendix C.]

The report on Temperance was recalled. Committee reported. The report was adopted. [See Appendix D.]

Called for the report of Trustees of the Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary. The last President of the Board reported. The report was adopted. [See Appendix E.]

On motion of Elder C. B. Young, the rules were suspended in order to take up a collection and secure by subscriptions means to meet the deficit shown in the report. The sum of $175 was raised in cash, and by subscriptions $540, amounting in the aggregate to $715.

On motion, adjourned three-quarters of an hour for refreshments.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Committee on Arrangement of Preaching gave notice that Elder J. L. Cross would preach in the Baptist Church to-night.

EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

A hymn was sung. Prayer by the Moderator.

The subject of reviving Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Association was taken into consideration. On motion of Elder H. J Smith,

Resolved, That the enterprise be revived.

Pending the adoption of the resolution remarks of interest were made by Elder C. N. Ray, who was succeeded by Elder Lewis Ball in a highly interesting and well received address upon the great demand and vast importance of such labor. The rules were then suspended to take a collection and subscriptions for its support the next year, when the sum of $198 was raised in cash, and $613 by individual and church subscriptions, amounting in the aggregate to $811.

A motion having prevailed for the appointment of a Central Executive Board, Elders E. D. Miller, W. Wooten, and Brother S. Matthews, having been appointed to nominate the same, reported Brethren R. T. Sanders, President; A. Pasley, S. Matthews, W. A. Boen and J. Q. Sandidge. On motion, the nomination was confirmed.

Called for Treasurer's report. Reported. The report was adopted. [See Appendix F.]

Appointed the clerk Treasurer for the next Associational year.

Called for reports of District Agents to organize Sabbath Schools. No labor reported in that department.

On motion, adjourned to meet at nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer and Benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Met at the appointed hour.

Singing. Prayer by Elder C. N. Ray.

The minutes of Monday were read and approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The following were appointed to write on the following subjects, viz.:

On Sabbath Schools—Brother T. H. Smith.

On Prayer Meetings—Elder C. B. Young.

On Religious Instruction of Colored Population—Elder J. W. Lipsey.

On Temperance—Brother S. Matthews.

On Bible Cause—Elder R. G. Hewlet.

On Ministerial Education—Elder E. D. Miller.

On Domestic Missions—Elder T. R. Williams.

The query from Bethel Church, viz.: "Is it right for members of the Baptist Church to participate in or visit Tournaments," was entertained. Answer, *No!*

On motion of the Clerk,

Resolved, That the territory of the Association south of Tallahatchie river compose the Fifth Associational District.

Called for the report of Financial Committee. The Chairman, Brother S. Matthews, reported. The report was adopted. [See Appendix G.]

Called for report of Committee on Correspondence. Committee reported. The report was adopted. [See Appendix H.]

The consideration of the subject of writing and publishing a history of the Association, etc., was postponed.

Appointed the next session of the Association with the Cold Water Baptist Church, Second District, Marshall county, Miss., five miles south of Collier, usual time, eleven o'clock, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1867.

Appointed Elder C. B. Young to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. W. Lipsey, alternate.

Appointed Brethren R. T. Sanders, T. H. Smith, S. Matthews and Elders H. J. Smith and W. Dupuy collectors of the sums subscribed in their respective Districts for the relief of the Trustees of the *deceased* Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary.

On motion, it was ordered that the public collection on Sabbath, $78, be appropriated for the support of Domestic Missions within the bounds of our Association.

Elder C. C. Connor informing the Association that the Southern Baptist Convention would hold its next session with the First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., on Thursday before the second Lord's day in May, 1867; on motion,

Resolved, That the Association be represented.

11. Call for Treasurer's report.

Whereupon the Moderator and Clerk, Elders C. B. Young, J. W. Lipsey, E. D. Miller, W. Dupuy, A. B. Smith, and Brethren R. T. Sanders and J. D. McCrackin were appointed.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

By Elder J. W. Lipsey:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Association be requested to pay the money for Domestic Missions in the bounds of our Association to the order of our Executive Board.

By Elder J. W. Lipsey:

Resolved, That Elder Lewis Ball, Agent for the Domestic Mission Board, Marion, Ala., be authorized to report to said Board the sum of $811, of which $198 are now in hand, the balance in subscriptions, raised for the express purpose of employing a missionary to labor in the bounds of the Cold Water Baptist Association, and that it is subject to the order of its Executive Board.

By Brother R. T. Sanders:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Association be allowed the sum of forty dollars for his services; that he have as many copies of minutes printed as the balance of Associational fund will admit, and that he deposit the same for distribution with the firm of Messrs. Taylor & Cole, Memphis, Tenn.

By Brother R. T. Sanders:

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to our Moderator and Clerk for the faithfal discharge of the duties of their offices.

By Brother A. L. Blackbourn:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the citizens of Hernando and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality shown to us on this occasion.

The minutes of to-day were read and approved.

The Association having finished its business, Elder J. W. Lipsey preached at at 11 o'clock. Text: Philippians, 1st chapter and 13th verse—"So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places."

After which, brethren and friends, generally, united in singing the parting hymn, "Am I a soldier of the Cross," &c., giving in Christian love the parting hand.

Benediction by the Moderator.

The Association then adjourned to meet, as before stated, with the Cold Water Baptist Church, 2d District, Marshall county, Miss., five miles south of Collier, on Friday, before the 3d Sunday in October, 1867.

W. OVID MABRY, *Clerk*. JAMES DENNIS, *Moderator*.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES ON SABBATH.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Prayer meeting in the Baptist Church, conducted by Elder D. Potter.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK.

Preaching in the Baptist Church by Elder S. H. Ford. Text: Revelations, 12th chapter and 1st verse,—"And there appeared a great wonder in Heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

After which a public collection was taken, amounting to $78.

At the same hour preaching in the Methodist Church by Elder J. L. Cross. The audience in both Churches were large and orderly.

An intermission of one hour and a half was taken for refreshments, bountifully furnished, for all in attendance.

EVENING.

Preaching in the Baptist Church by Elder Lewis Ball. Text: Mark, 11th chapter and latter clause of the 22d verse—"Have faith in God."

SUNDAY NIGHT

Preaching in the Baptist Church by Elder C. C. Conner.

PLEDGES OF CHURCHES FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Hernando	$30 00
Bethel	20 00
Liberty	10 00
Nonconnah, Tenn	.....
Oak Grove	10 00
Hopewell	20 00
Eudora	10 00
Beech Grove	10 00
Holly Springs	10 00
Centre Hill	20 00
Cold Water	25 00
Corinth	25 00
State Line	10 00
Clear Creek, of Marshall	.....
Pleasant Grove	10 00
Liberty Hill	.....
Byhalia	.....
N. Mt. Zion	.....
McIver's Creek	$10 00
Lebanon	20 00
Carolina	20 00
Sunflower	.....
Good Hope	.....
Chulahoma	20 00
County Line	20 00
Philadelphia	10 00
Union	25 00
Mt. Zion	25 00
New Hope	20 00
Salem	10 00
Peach Creek	10 00
Bynum Creek	15 00
Clear Creek, of Lafayette	50 00
Antioch	10 00
Yockana	20 00
Panola	10 00
Amounting to	$505 00

PLEDGES OF INDIVIDUALS FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Brother James Dennis	$10 00
Brother Dabney	10 00
Brother J. Jackson	5 00
Brother W. Boon	5 00
Brother T. B. Sanders	5 00
Sister Boon	5 00
Sister L. Slocum	5 00
Sister Sanders and daughters	5 00
Sister Christopher	5 00
Sister Walton	5 00
Sister Sanders	5 00
Sister T. Harris	2 00
Miss Dennis	2 00
Miss Slocum	5 00
Miss Mary Boon	5 00
Miss Ware	1 00
Miss Taylor	3 00
Miss Sanders	1 00
Miss B. Campbell	2 00
Miss L. Cook	5 00
Miss L. Moore	1 00
Miss Jordan	10 00
Miss L. Cathey	1 00
Miss Frasier	5 00
	$108 00
Whole amount of Pledges	$613 00
Cash in hand for Domestic Missions,	$276 00
Agg'te am't for Domestic Missions,	$889 00

APPENDIX.

[*Appendix A.*]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

"*Train up a child in the way he should go,*" is the injunction of Holy Writ. It becomes a matter, therefore, of no little importance to inquire into the best means to fulfill this important command.

There is no doubt that the *greatest* responsibility is resting on posterity. But very many parents are not Christians, and even some professing to be Christians do not feel their responsibilities, and others must attend to this matter or it goes undone. Ministers of the gospel can do *much* in their pastoral visits and fireside conversations, as well as their public ministrations, in instructing and properly training the rising generation.

The literary schools of the country can also do a great deal in this all important matter. But the great misfortune is that many teachers do not feel the moral and religious obligations which should rest upon them, and while they attend to the intellectual they pay no attention to the moral culture of the mind. An education to be useful must be intellectual, physical and moral or religious. A person may learn all that is taught in the best colleges, but if he has not physical ability he can accomplish but little good. He may have both intellectual and physical culture and be destitute of moral qualifications, and he becomes a more dangerous member of society. How much good a Tom Payne, a Rousseau, or a Voltaire, could have done to ameliorate the condition of their fellow-men if they had received a proper moral training?

How solemn then is the responsibility of each Christian—to use all his influence to train up his children and his neighbors' children in the fear of the Lord. To accomplish this great object no means have been so effectual as a well regulated Sabbath school. More schools fail for the want of faithful and regular teachers, than from want of scholars. When teachers, and particularly the superintendent, become remiss in their duties and absent themselves from school, the interest and regular attendance of scholars soon flags and the school dwindles and dies.

In all revivals of religion, where there are Sunday schools, the larger proportion of converts are ever amongst the scholars, and when they join the Church they make the most faithful and persevering members. The future hopes and triumphs of the Church, the political prospects and permanancy of free institutions, all depend upon the right moral training of the rising generation.

The undersigned, who was appointed by the last Association to write on this subject, begs leave to close this, his report, by offering for the consideration of the Association the following resolution:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all our ministers and lay members to use their influence in having Sabbath schools established and perseveringly carried on in every Church and neighborhood of this Association.

R. T. SANDERS.

[*Appendix B.*]

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the report on Ministerial Education, begs leave to submit the following:

Our denomination on the Western continent has a membership of 1,200,000, 611 Associations, 13,440 Churches, and about 8,450 Ordained Ministers. These Ministers are baptizing about 75,000 persons per annum. On the Eastern continent our brethren are not so numerous; perhaps 150,000 or 200,000 members; Churches, 2,352; Associations, 46; and about 2,000 or more Ordained Ministers.

These have been made known to the world by the means of the press; and besides those there are a great many other Churches connected with no Association, and are unknown to us with the number of their members and ministers.

As a denomination we have great facilities for educating our Ministers both in literary and theological science. We have about thirty-three Baptist Colleges in the United States, and twelve theological institutions. Our first literary institution was founded 1764; and our first theological institution 1820; since which time perhaps no denomination ever increased more rapidly. According to a calculation made by Rev. Hendall Brooks in 1864, the Baptists in the Northern States, in the last fifty years, have multiplied by 5.65, while the population has only been multiplied by 5.04, which show that the increase of the Baptists has been more, according to numbers, than the increase of the population. In the Southern States our number is larger in proportion to the population than in the Northern; and our increase much faster. For instance, the population of New York in 1860 was 3,887,542, and the number of Baptists in 1864, in the same State, was 89,074. The population of Virginia in 1860 was 1,596,-079, and the number of Baptists, in 1862, in the same State, was 108,888. In Massachusetts the Baptists are nearly three per cent. on the number of inhabitants, and in Georgia they are about eight per cent. on the same. Adding the Southern to the Northern increase, we may truly expect great and glorious results in our Churches.

Thus, our condition being prosperous we are aware that all the combined powers of Satan will turn their powers against us. As a denomination, we stand alone, without an earthly friend or sympathizer. We have long dwelt in the wilderness and the beast, its daughters and grand-daughters, are seeking to drive us from whence we came. The laity of our Churches look into each other's face and, like their ancestors, they ask, Shall we flee? then turn their eyes to their pastors to defend their master's vineyard. This must be done by educating the Minister. Owing to the very high and important position we occupy before the civilized world we have to break the storm of infidelity, deism, vanity, materialism, and all things that oppose God and his cause. And moreover, to carry on the present favorable prospect under which our day has fallen; all of which require an educated ministry.

The colored race now occupy a new relation to us. Some are asking for permission to preach. Many churches seem at a loss to know what to do. Your committee would recommend, that wherever one is known to have ability to preach, and feels that he is called by the Lord to proclaim the gospel that the Church take the same in consideration with his general and Christian deportment, and permit him to go forth, not as a minister, but as a preacher among his own people. As for his education, your committee would recommend that it be attended to in the domestic circle. Say advise said applicant to procure a spelling-book, reader, etc., and at his leisure hours get the assistance of his employer or any one else who is competent to instruct him and make such advancements as will enable him to read the word of God and other religious books; and in all cases for the white members to hold the colored brethren amenable to their Church.

From the best information your committee can get there are many young men in our Churches now seriously considering the ministerial office with the expectation of entering on its solemnities soon.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LIPSEY, *Chairman.*

[*Appendix C.*]

REPORT ON PRAYER MEETINGS.

Your committee on Prayer Meetings begs leave to call your attention to the following thoughts:

1st. The utility of prayer, or prayer as a medium of grace. The Scriptures abound with passages, which prove the necessity of prayer, and which also prove that God is a prayer *hearing* and prayer *answering* God, and as it is the duty of all Christians to pray, always individually, so it is their duty to assemble themselves together at certain times for the purpose of sending their united petitions to a throne of rich grace, pleading for those things that are necessary for their

well being, growth in grace, and advancement of the cause of our dear Savior. The command is, "Ask and ye shall receive," and "Whatsoever ye ask, believing, ye shall receive it," but while God thus answers our requests He is ever ready, where two or three are met together in his name, to be in their midst, and the assurance of Christ is, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven." It is said of the first Disciples, "When they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness,"—Acts 4, 31. Here it is said, "They were assembled together and they prayed," and what a great blessing they received. It was while "many were gathered together and praying" that the Lord sent forth his angel and delivered Peter out of prison, and from under the hand of Herod. And it was at midnight that Paul and Silas had a prayer meeting in the prison, "And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and the chains of all were loosed." These are some of the results that have followed prayer meetings. But it may be said those were the days of miracles. We answer that "God is the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever."

2. Again: Prayer meetings are the places in which to draw out and cultivate the talents which God has entrusted to the care of his servants. Here is the place for the young disciples to commence exercising, in public, by leading in prayer and exhorting one another to stand steadfast, and "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," and it is here that older disciples may profitably use their gifts in the services of the Great Master.

3. If these things be true, (and that they are we cannot doubt,) is it at all strange that our Churches are frequently so unfruitful, when many of them scarcely have a meeting for prayer once a year? It is really disheartening, when we view the unconcern manifested upon this subject, and though Churches are admonished of the necessity of their engaging more in prayer, yet the admonitions are unheeded, and as a necessary result we see but little advance in spiritual life by many professed Christians—but few comparatively brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ.

Brethren, "It is high time that we awake out of sleep," in this respect as well as all others.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. HEWLETT, *Chairman.*

[*Appendix D.*]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The subject of Temperance should engage the attention of every Christian. The intemperate use of intoxicating drinks degrade the morals, impairs the intellect, and ruins thousands; it invades the precincts of the matrimonial circle; it breaks the peace of friends; insinuates itself into the customs of the members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and is the prolific source of a countless number of crimes. These facts call loudly on Christians everywhere to use their best efforts to discourage the use of spirituous liquors as a beverage. This pernicious vice is most emphatically condemned by the word of God, and your committee cannot too strongly urge upon the members of this Association to prove, by precept and example, that we disapprove what God condemns.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. SMITH.

[*Appendix E.*]

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF COLD WATER BAPTIST FEMALE SEMINARY.

To the Cold Water Baptist Association:

The undersigned, the last acting President of the Cold Water Baptist Female Seminary, begs leave to present to your body the following report:

Upon the resignation of Brother Joseph R. Hamilton, who conducted the school successfully for several years, it was taken in charge for a short time by

Brother B. F. Thomas, who was succeeded by Brother W. J. Berryman, of Virginia.

Brother Berryman, on taking charge of the school would not assume, as his predecessors had done, the pecuniary responsibility of the Steward's department, which was about $2,000, when, by a resolution of the Board of Trustees, adopted very soon after the school went into operation, a few of the Trustees, feeling themselves warranted in their action by the resolution referred to, assumed that responsibility, borrowed the money and paid over to Brother Hamilton the assessed value of the property in the Steward's department, which, as stated above, was about $2,000.

Brother Berryman taught two sessions, after which there was a suspension of the school. The war raging, the Trustees, finding it impracticable to carry it on any longer, set about selling the property in the Steward's department, and succeeded in disposing of the greater part of it; but there was some on hand when the Federal army reached Chulahoma; and what was not destroyed by it was carried off. There was a good many blankets on hand, a goodly portion of which our soldiers got and paid for (when they paid at all) in Confederate money, which could not be used in liquidation of the debt mentioned for borrowed money. There are about, still due, from the sale of property in the Steward's department, five hundred dollars, which the Trustees will be able to realize. The present indebtedness is $2,400, to meet which the Trustees were under the necessity of selling the house, and that had been so badly damaged during the war that it had partly fallen down, and no one was willing to undertake to repair it for the purpose of occupying it, and the only alternative left was to sell the materials used in its construction. The most of the available lumber has been sold and what brick there was a demand for, and after deducting expenses for tearing down and delivering, there is still a deficit of some seven or eight hundred dollars.

To be more specific, we will state that only two of the Trustees are legally bound for the specified indebtedness, while we humbly conceive the resolution referred to, morally bind others; all, however, confidently looked to the Association for aid in the matter, should circumstances ever require it, as they deemed the adoption of such resolution, as well as the assumption of such pecuniary responsibilty, in accordance therewith, to be for the interest and the common good of an Associational school.

In conclusion we are constrained under existing circumstances, in the spirit of fraternal love, to appeal to the generosity and liberality of the Association to come forward and aid us in raising the means to meet the deficit shown in our report.

October 18, 1866.

Respectfully submitted,

W. OVID MABRY.

[*Appendix F.*]

REPORT OF TREASURER.

W. OVID MABRY, Treasurer,

To Cold Water Baptist Association:

	Dr.	
October, 1865.—Received from Financial Committee for Associational purposes	$117 75	
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	Cr.	
November, 1865.—Paid Messrs. Whitmore & Bro., Memphis, Tennessee, for printing 260 copies of Minutes	$76 75	
Clerk's fee	30 00	
		$106 75
Remaining in Treasury		$11 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. OVID MABRY, *Treasurer.*

NOTE.—I contracted for the printing of three hundred copies of Minutes (the best I could do with the means in hand) but from some cause, unknown to me, only two hundred and sixty copies were printed, hence the eleven dollars in hand.

W. O. M.

[*Appendix G.*]

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

The Financial Committee reports the following contributions from the Churches for Associational purposes:

Church at Hernando	$5 00	Church at County Line	10 00
" Bethel	9 25	" Union	7 50
" Liberty	.....	" Mt Zion	10 45
" Nonconnah	.....	" New Hope	8 00
" Oak Grove	.....	" Salem	4 00
" Hopewell	4 00	" McIver's Creek	3 00
" Eudora	2 00	" Peach Creek	5 00
" Beech Grove	2 00	" Lebanon	7 00
" Centre Hill	5 00	" Carolina	2 75
" Cold Water	5 00	" Sunflower	.....
" Holly Springs	5 00	" Good Hope	.....
" Corinth	10 00	" Bynum Creek	4 00
" State Line	2 00	" Clear Creek, Lafayette	8 20
" Clear Creek, Marshall	.....	" Antioch	5 00
" Pleasant Grove	3 00	" Yockana	6 00
" Liberty Hill	3 00	" Panola	3 00
" Philadelphia	3 50	" Byhalia	3 00
" N. Mt. Zion	.....	" Oxford	2 00
" Chulahoma	5 00		
		Amounting to	$152 65

Respectfully submitted,

S. MATTHEWS, *Chairman.*

[*Appendix H.*]

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To the Religious Bodies in Correspondence with the Cold Water Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN—On the 19th of October, 1866, our Association convened with the Hernando Baptist Church, in DeSoto county, Miss. Our session has been quite harmonious. At present we number 36 Churches, some of which were not represented. Many of them had cheering news to communicate to our body. Our number was increased by baptism 377, by letter 100. New churches 2. Total number 36. We have made arrangement to employ a missionary to ride in our Associational bounds next year. Our next meeting will be held with the Cold Water Baptist Church, Marshall county, Miss.

Brethren, we would be much pleased to have you visit us at our next session. We have appointed messengers to meet with you in your deliberations. We extend a cordial invitation to all our brethren and friends to visit us.

C. B. YOUNG,
J. W. LIPSEY,
Cor. Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

DISTRICTS.		CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	MINISTERS TO CHURCHES.	DAYS OF MEETING.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Disp'd by Let'r	Excluded.	Died.	Total No.	Associational Fund.
1st DIST	1	Hernando	DeSoto	Hernando	J. Dennis, E. Bealle, R. T. Sanders, R. F. Cook.										
"	2	Bethel	DeSoto	Elm Grove	J. A. Thornton, G. L. Scott, G. C. Yates.	J. W. Lipsey	4th Sab.	3	5				1	154	$ 5 0
"	3	Liberty	DeSoto	Horn Lake	T. P. Manning, F. M. Mitchel, R. C. Lee.	T. P. Manning	2d Sab.	11	2		0	2	3	94	9 2
"	4	Nonconnah	Shelby	Memphis	No representation. No. of Members in 1861.		1st Sab.	4						36	
"	5	Oak Grove	DeSoto	Hernando	H. Harris, W. P. Dabney.	J. Dennis	4th Sab.							44	
"	6	Hopewell	DeSoto	Arcabutia	J. L. Brown, M. H. Renfroe, J. Scott, J. G. Coppage.	J. L. Brown	3d Sab.	6	0					41	
"	7	Eudora	DeSoto	Hernando	J. D. Nichols, H. F. Curry.	T. P. Manning	2d Sab.	40	3		0	2	2	107	4 0
"	8	Beech Grove	DeSoto	Hernando	J. F. Walker, B. F. Solomon.	J. Dennis	1st Sab.	14	2					22	2 0
2d DIST	9	Holly Springs	Marshall	Holly Springs	E. D. Miller, *W. W. Wallace, *R. S. Greer.	E. D. Miller	1st & 4th Sab.	6						26	2 0
"	10	Centre Hill	DeSoto	Centre Hill	Robt. Wilson, *W. K. Wilson, *H. Goodrich.	J. L. Cross	4th Sab.		4		0	0		23	5 0
"	11	Cold Water	Marshall	Oak Grove	A. M. Dodson, F. Mosely, S. G. Martin.		1st Sab.	23	2		0	0		46	5 0
"	12	Corinth	Marshall	Byhalia	*W. Durham, H. L. Anthony, J. D. Adams.	J. M. Rogers	2d Sab.	7	0		6	0		77	5 0
"	13	State Line	DeSoto	Olive Branch	R. S. Flinn, N. Dobbins, G. W. Pace.	J. Nash	3d Sab.	0	2		1	1		80	10 0
"	14	Clear Creek	Marshall	Lamar	No representation. No. members in 1861.						1	0	2	29	2 0
"	15	Pleasant Grove	Marshall	Holly Springs	A. B. Smith, C. N. Ray, T. H. Smith, R. A. Moore.	Smith and Ray	3d Sab.	9	9	0	6	0	0	65	
"	16	Liberty Hill	Marshall	Watson	*D. B. Hillyard, *H. Ragsdale, *J. Rochell.	N. L. Wilson	4th Sab.	11	2	0			9	108	3 0
"	17	Byhalia	Marshall	Byhalia	T. V. Brady, *J. L. Harris.		1st Sab.							70	00
"	18	N. Mt. Zion	Marshall	N. Mt. Pleasant	No representation. No. members in 1865.									21	3 0
3d DIST	19	Chulahoma	Marshall	Chulahoma	W. Wooten, B. Sugg, E. W. Norfleet.	E. D. Miller	3d Sab.	8	0	1				60	
"	20	County Line	Marshall	Tyro	W. O. Mabry, W. Haynes, G. W. Bonner, *R. P. Bowen, *P. H. Wright	J. W. Lipsey	4th Sab.	9	3	0	5	4	2	78	5 0
"	21	Philadelphia	Marshall	Wall Hill	W. M. Harris, *J. J. Milam, *A. J. Dickson.	N. L. Wilson	2d Sab.	7	1		2	0	0	169	10 0
"	22	Union	Marshall	Sardis	C. B. Young, S. Matthews, J. Hays, *G. Stewart.	C. B. Young	4th Sab.	19	3	5	1	1	3	40	3 5
"	23	Mt. Zion	Panola	Fineilen's X Rd	J. W. Lipsey, J. Q. Sandidge, B. R. Chambliss, S. G. W. Poag.	J. W. Lipsey	1st Sab.	39	8	1	1	5	3	146	7 5
4th DIST	24	New Hope	DeSoto	Cockrum	J. A. Lee, J. C. Droak, A. N. White.	J. W. Lipsey	3d Sab.	14	6	1	5	3	1	141	10 4
"	25	Salem	DeSoto	Senatobia	H. J. Smith, J. G. Jackson, J. F. Farmer, *A. O. Askew.	H. J. Smith	2d Sab.	22	10		0	0	3	80	8 0
"	26	Peach Creek	Panola	Peach Creek	W. C. Maxwell, J. L. Walton, W. G. Hill, *S. D. Johns.	H. J. Smith	4th Sab.	1	0	0	2	0	2	172	4 0
"	27	McIver's Creek	Panola	Panola	*Thos. Keating, W. H. Killebrew, *H. B. Armstead.			5						75	5 0
"	28	Lebanon	Panola	Sardis	F. M. D. Bonner, A. W. Lowe, *J. D. Farley, *M. Jones.	C. B. Young	1st Sab.	18	2		3	3	2	43	3 0
"	29	Carolina	DeSoto	Senatobia	A. Pasley, A. L. Blackbourn, *W. A. Hill.	H. J. Smith	3d Sab.	5	9	0	5	15	3	159	7 0
"	30	Sunflower	Coahoma	Shufordsville	No representation. No. of members in 1858.									77	2 2
"	31	Good Hope	Coahoma	Friar's Point	No representation. No. of members in 1854.									86	
5th DIST	32	Bynum Creek	Panola	Water Valley	Whitfield Dupuy, *Jas. Jolly, *R. Fowler [W. S. Bunch.	W. Dupuy	1st Sab.							33	
"	33	Clear Creek	Lafayette	Oxford	R. G. Hewlet, T. R. Williams, *A. Humphries, A. B. Hudson,	R. G. Hewlet	2d Sab.	9	1	4		17		103	4 0
"	34	Antioch	Panola	Pope Station	J. H. Collins, Jno. Shankle, *M. M. Randolph, S. Bobo.	H. B. Haywood	2d Sab.	11	12	2	4	2	1	155	8 2
"	35	Yockana			*J. F. Moore, *N. W. Ward, R. M. Varner, *S. B. Caruthers,	W. Dupuy	3d Sab.	21	10		4	0	0	153	5 0
"	36	Panola	Panola	Panola	*J. A. Hodges, *M. J. Vaiden, J. C. Lewis. [*L. D. Lowe.	W. Dupuy	4th Sab.	1	4	1	7	1		178	6 0
														22	3 0
								377	100	15	53	55	29	3013	$150 0

*Absentees

NOTE.—Fair View, Moon Lake and Enon Churches have been dissolved

Very few of the Churches gave their postoffices, consequently I had to be governed by former Minutes.—CLERK.

Oxford Church paid for Minutes, $2 00, making total amount Associational Fund, $152 0

TABLE OF COLORED MEMBERS.

Churches.	*Number.*
Hernando reports	65
Bethel, No. not reported	...
Liberty, No. not reported	4
Nonconnah, not represented	...
Oak Grove not represented	22
Hopewell, not represented	46
Eudora, No. not reported	...
Beech Grove, No. not reported	5
Holly Springs, No not reported	...
Centre Hill, No. not reported	1
Cold Water, No. not reported	28
Corinth, No. not reported	20
State Line, No. not reported	11
Clear Creek, (Marshall,) not represented	...
Pleasant Gove, not represented	66
Liberty Hill, not represented	40
Byhalia, not represented	13
N. Mt. Zion, not represented	...
Chulahoma, not represented	32

Churches.	*Number.*
County Line, not represented	42
Philadelphia, not represented	10
Union, No. not reported	...
Mt. Zion, No. not reported	...
New Hope, No. not reported	6
Salem, No. not reported	53
Peach Creek, No not reported	8
McIver's Creek, No. not reported	15
Lebanon, No. not reported	123
Carolina, No. not reported	41
Sunflower, not represented	...
Good Hope, not represented	...
Bynum Creek, not represented	62
Clear Creek, (Lafayette,) not represented	56
Antioch, not represented	48
Yockana, not represented	65
Panola, No. not reported	...
Aggregate number	882

NOTE.—The above number is included in the total number of Statistical Table.

CLERK.

TABLE OF MINISTERS

OF

COLD WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Ordained.	*Postoffice.*
James Dennis,	Hernando.
T. P. Manning,	Hernando.
C. B. Young,	Sardis.
William Wooten,	Chulahoma.
E. D. Miller,	Holly Springs.
A. B. Smith,	Holly Springs.
C. N. Ray,	Holly Springs.
M. H. Renfroe,	Arcabulta.
J. L. Brown,	Arcabulta.
J. W. Lipsey,	Fluellin's ✕ Roads.
John Richardson,	Cockrum.
J. M Rogers,	Olive Branch.
H. J. Smith,	Senatobia.
N. L. Wilson,	Byhalia.
Whitfield Dupuy,	Bynum Creek.
R. G. Hewlet,	Oxford.
J. F. Moore,	
T. R. Williams,	
J. B. Barry,	

Elders B. B. Buchanan and W. A. Anthony have died.

LICENTIATES.

M. J. Vaiden,	Halifax.
J. W. Echols,	Senatobia.